

## **Senator Olympia Snowe**

### **Press Statement for Penobscot River Restoration Project Event August 21, 2008**

Since its founding nearly five years ago, the Penobscot River Restoration Project has had a historic vision for Maine's crown jewel of waterways by strengthening its fragile ecological system and harnessing the river's power for electricity production. I commend the efforts of the stakeholders and the people of the Penobscot River region who have sought to restore its native fisheries, notably the triumphant return of the Atlantic salmon, and the thriving habitation of ten additional species of migratory, sea-run fish. This is truly a momentous achievement and the \$25 million in private and federal funds for the purchase of the Howland, Veazie, and Great Works dams only reinforces the innovation and resolve of the supporters of this vital project. Maine truly is the new frontier for environmental and economical harmonization and I look forward to the successful completion of the project and its valuable and enduring impact on the state of Maine.